

Great Northern May Absorb Subsidiary Lines

New York, Sept. 4.—The stockholders of the Great Northern railway, at the annual meeting to be held in this city Oct. 1, will be asked to vote on a proposition that the Great Northern shall acquire, subject to existing lines, all the assets of subsidiary companies. In a letter to the stockholders, Chairman J. A. Hill, of the board of directors, says the directors considered the change desirable as it will consolidate the ownership of property and simplify the management of the system. The proposition is to wipe out the corporate existence of small lines by merging them with the operating company.

DR. GREIG, COMPOSER, DEAD.

Bergen, Norway, Sept. 4.—Edward Hagen Greig, the composer, died here this morning. Dr. Greig was born in Bergen in 1843 of Scotch ancestry, and received his musical education at Leipzig and Copenhagen.

Tornado Struck Georgia Town

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 4.—It was reported here last night that a tornado had struck Fort Gaines, Ga., a town of 1,000 people, 100 miles southeast of Montgomery. All communications by telephone and telegraph had been cut off. Fort Gaines is on the Chattahoochee river, the dividing line between Alabama and Georgia.

Sudden Death in G.T.P. Camp

Portage la Prairie, Sept. 4.—While R. Lewis was working in one of the G.T.P. camps up the line yesterday, he suddenly complained of a sharp pain near his heart and dropped dead. Lewis was a laborer at the camp. The authorities are endeavoring to locate his friends.

Child Wandered Among Wolves

Winnipeg, Sept. 4.—Wandering from his mother, little nine-year-old Walter Brewer, at River Park, yesterday afternoon, wandered through a fence enclosure in which the park wolves are kept and was severely lacerated as a result. Both arms were badly bitten and he was removed to St. Boniface hospital in the evening in a precarious condition. He was given prompt attention and today shows signs of improvement. The little boy was feeding the wolves, and finding some strands of wire that were loose, managed to get his body partly under them when he was suddenly attacked by one of the fierce animals and in trying to defend himself the boy received several ugly bites on the arms before being rescued.

Ticks From the Telegraph

(Special to the Chronicle)
The C.N.R. is to tap the rich coal fields in the foot hills.
Brandon wants the Merchants Bank to loan the city \$20,000.
B. L. Borden left Toronto yesterday to start his Western tour.
Mr. Borden, a well known collector of Ottawa and Brandon, is dead.
Chas. Wiley, of Galt, was seized with an epileptic fit and drowned while bathing.
The London Evening News announces that the recent anarchist congress at Amsterdam was headed by Emma Goldman and the American School and an international campaign of anarchy decided on.

Board of Trade Satisfied Secretary

Resolution Carried Last Night's Special Meeting by Overwhelming Majority, 21 Votes to 7.

A special meeting of the Board of Trade was held in the council chamber last evening for the purpose of discussing the status of the secretary. A special meeting of the Board of Trade, who also occupied the position of editor and manager of The Chronicle, there were thirty members present.

President Marriott opened the proceedings by explaining the purpose for which the meeting had been called, and the secretary was called upon to read the minutes of the last meeting of the council of the board, at which it was resolved that the present step should be taken.

This being done the president proposed for a free discussion of the avoidance of personalities, and asked the members to decide whether the secretary was to be allowed to continue to be asked to come to the office whether he should be called upon to devote his whole time to one or the other.

Mr. Blackwood suggested that the members should be enlightened as to what the secretary was called upon to do when he was engaged.

The president said he understood that the secretary was paid a thousand dollars a year to devote his whole time to the Board of Trade. Nothing was said as to the number of hours he was to put in. (He in speaker) understood that the public committee had authorized Mr. Weir to write articles for The Chronicle. Objection was taken on the ground that Mr. Weir put down his name as editor and manager of the paper. There was no objection to the writing of articles for the paper.

Asked whether the secretary was neglecting his duties, the president said he had seen no neglect.

Then, said Mr. Blackwood, we were to write articles for The Chronicle or who managed it as long as they were getting the service to which they were entitled.

Mr. Jas. Blain asked how much time the duties of the secretary occupied.

The president replied that at present it did not take very much time.

Mr. Blain suggested that the duties of the secretary might be "farmed out"—that if the secretary could not do his position of editor and manager of The Chronicle as well, some part of his salary might be paid by those who were employing his services.

Mr. Blackwood asked if they had any right to "farm out" Mr. Weir, if he was doing all his work as secretary had they any right to lend him out as a harvest hand, for instance?

Mr. S. Q. O'Brien: "We have just as good right to do that as to supply The Chronicle with an editor and manager. I have often thought as Mr. Blain said."

Mr. Fred Saebe said it seemed to him that as long as the secretary was doing all the work for the board the work he was doing for The Chronicle was better work than he could do in any other way for the country. It was better than sitting in his office twiddling his thumbs.

Mr. R. H. Palmer asked what arrangement was made with Mr. Weir when he was engaged.

The president said he was engaged at a monthly salary.

Mr. Palmer thought the engagement was for one year at a thousand dollars, and unless they were prepared to pay that thousand dollars they could not discharge the secretary.

The president did not agree. The secretary was engaged at a thousand dollars per annum, and they were paying him a monthly salary.

Mr. F. C. Jamieson, asked for an opinion, said a man might be engaged for a year and paid a monthly salary. At the same time no agreement of the secretary was engaged in the terms of the advertisement, and that would make a year's engagement.

Mr. Blain thought the secretary was engaged for a year. He suggested that the secretary's willingness to come at a thousand dollars a year and trust to the board to pay him more if he earned it.

Mr. Weir was asked for his version, and said that he was engaged for a year, nothing being said at the time about the time he was to devote to the work. He heard nothing about that until it was brought up in the meeting.

The secretary then read from the minutes of the council meeting of March 26th as follows: "Application for position of secretary were received to the number of about one hundred. Those were gone over and the secretary was instructed to get in communication with Mr. James Weir of Calgary, one of the applicants, who was not orally considered, and if Mr. Weir was willing to take the position at a thousand dollars per year he was to be asked to come to Strathcona for a personal interview with members of the board."

Mr. O. Bush said that when the matter was first brought up he was opposed to appointing one at a thousand dollars because he believed that good man was worth more.

He was prepared to pay at least twelve hundred for a man to devote his whole time to the duties of the secretary.

Mr. O'Brien agreed that a thousand dollars was worth more, but that the spirit of the agreement was that Mr. Weir was to give his whole time. If a two thousand dollar man took a thousand dollar job he had a right to carry out his contract. He would like to see what the dual position doing harm to the board at present, turning away good members and preventing others joining their fees?

The president said he might almost ask that question himself. They had 20 paid up members out of 75. He did not know whether that was a fair average for the year or not. The apparent feeling against the secretary was not very prominent at night; it had been more prominent at the council meeting—had only arisen during the past two months. If it took members six months to size up the secretary, and decide whether they liked him or not, he hardly thought they had any right to come in and raise a fuss. They had four months in which to pay their dues before they took a dislike to Mr. Weir. He did not think the secretary was responsible for that at all. In regard to the attendance, the summer months, and he understood

from the older members that it was the usual thing for the attendance to fall off during the summer. He understood the feeling was not against Mr. Weir but against The Chronicle, but against putting his name in as editor, but that was Mr. Weir's own business and had never been discussed at a meeting of the board or the council of the board. He did not know how much time was devoted to the board and how much time to the newspaper, but he did know that Mr. Weir was up very early in the morning and very late at night. He knew this from his own observation and from what he had been told by others. They could not expect a man to give twenty or twenty-five hours a day to the board; all they could expect was eight or ten hours.

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Decomposed Body Found in River

Probably Remains of Lying Pearce Who Was Drowned Near Crowley's Camp Some Weeks Ago.

A badly decomposed human body was found this morning clinging to a knot on one of the logs in the river, not far from Walter's mill by none of the workmen.

The Mounted Police were notified and the body was brought to Wainwright's undertaking rooms. Coroner Dr. Craig was notified and he viewed the body, but so far has not ordered an inquest and may not do so.

The Mounted Police, a young man who was attacked by him last winter and was worked with him at the time of the accident, has practically identified the remains as those of Lying Pearce, a young Englishman, who was drowned near Crowley's Camp several weeks ago. Other men from Walters mill are expected to corroborate the identification this afternoon.

Pearce was a young Englishman who so far as known, had no relatives in this country. He went to Walters in October and had not been out since.

MASSACHUSETTS STATESMAN AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Considerable political importance was attached to a luncheon given by the directors of the exhibition on account of the presence of Henry M. Whitney, who is the democratic candidate for the governorship of Massachusetts, and of a speech he delivered in favor of reciprocity between the United States and Canada.

Mr. Whitney has made this an issue in his platform. He condemned the Hingley bill, in that it did not recognize the freetrading of labor and advocated a revision on scientific lines that would place it on a desirable basis. He contended that the development of the great prosperity had been due to high tariff, maintaining that the freetrading of labor was the development of their agricultural resources, and expressed regret at the treatment of Wilfrid Laurier had received at Washington.

The advantage of reciprocity to the people of Canada was great. He claimed that it would be easier and cheaper to find a market in the United States than in distant lands, and that the freetrading of labor was the development of their agricultural resources, and expressed regret at the treatment of Wilfrid Laurier had received at Washington.

When he promoted the Great Dominion Coal Company in Nova Scotia, one of his demands of the government was that the duty on American coal should not only be maintained, but increased. This protection enabled him to extend the markets for his coal to the St. Lawrence and even the New England States. He claimed that it would be easier and cheaper to find a market in the United States than in distant lands, and that the freetrading of labor was the development of their agricultural resources, and expressed regret at the treatment of Wilfrid Laurier had received at Washington.

When Canadian capitalists dispossessed him, he began the agitation of reciprocity. Mr. Whitney is out for political honors, and he believes reciprocity is his saving grace. Reciprocity may, or may not, have its virtues, but one thing is certain that the great development in coal in the eastern provinces is due solely to the protective tariff.

Has Reached The Danger Limit

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Criticism of the Dominion governments legislation in regard to tariff and a warning to reduce the extravagant scale of public and private expenditure were the prominent features in the Presidential address of J. McBrine, of Dayton, Ont., at a session of the Farmers' Association, yesterday. The action of the Dominion parliament, he said, "in extending the period of payment of bounties on the production of iron and steel is deserving of strong condemnation. Under recent legislation there is likely to be a total of \$25,000,000 paid out to those powerful corporations." Continuing he said, "Possibly some good may arise from the threatened financial stringency if it brings the people to a realization of the fact that the standard of expenditure, both private and public, has reached the danger limit."

The investigation by Judge Gwyn in the fire brigade's work at the Edwards Mill was continued yesterday morning to the city then the bridge.

Louis Gish, of the Pacific Coast Telephone Co. at San Francisco, was released to five years in jail for his long.

Turned off the Gas

Toronto, Sept. 4.—Mrs. Janet Evans, 22 years old, and Mrs. John Shannon, 50 years old, both exhibition visitors, were taken to hospital after being attacked by gas in the Ongode House at an early hour this morning. They were found by the porter, who climbed through the window after the husband of the young woman had reported he smelled gas and thought something was wrong. They had apparently either asphyxiated or turned off on after burning it up.

Shot in Prison

Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 4.—Fire Chief H. Miller, of Franklin, Ohio, today shot and instantly killed J. H. Little, who recently pleaded with his wife to return to Franklin last night for trial. Miller entered the police station, and going directly to Little's cell, fired two shots, which lodged in the victim's breast. Miller is now a raving maniac and is under guard.

Another Trent Valley Contract Let

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The contract has been awarded in the construction of another section of the Trent Valley Canal. It is from Rice Lake division, where the highest of the bridges at Campbellford to deep water in Crow, a distance of three miles, will be given to Bras and Aymer, who were the lowest tenders. The contract price is about \$550,000. Tenders are now being asked for section 3.

HAPPY RUSSIA.

Odesa, Sept. 4.—The Black Hundred have suffered a severe blow by

the closing of the grain bureau and the arrest of the bankers to suppress financial transactions as a protest against the anti-Semitic outrage of September 1st, when three men were killed and fifty or sixty wounded. The disorders of last February were followed by similar steps and financial transactions were then practically suspended.

LIGHTNING FIRED PATROL BOAT.

New Orleans, Sept. 4.—At the height of a storm on Lake Ponchartraine last night, the oyster patrol boat "Majestic" was struck by lightning. The boat was destroyed and the crew had a narrow escape getting away in a heavy sea. They were rescued by another vessel.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The meeting of the Board of Trade last night, composed as it was of representative substantial business and professional men, can only result in good. First of all it cleared the air, and provided an opportunity for a discussion of the question from different points of view.

It demonstrated above all things that the interest in the board, which in some quarters it was asserted had waned, was live, keen, and deep. The assertion that the local position occupied by the secretary was responsible for the delinquency in the payment of membership fees, was clearly shown by President Marriott to be unfounded, and untrue.

It showed that the seven reputable business men who were upturned to the secretary had the courage of their convictions, and that in order to back up their views with their votes, they were prepared to enhance the interests of the Board, and conform to the by-laws by paying their dues.

It showed that the business men of Strathcona can disagree and at the same time conform to the rules of debate, discuss questions coolly and dispassionately, and while differing mutually respect one another.

It showed that a more consistent support and a more frequent suggestion on the part of members would materially strengthen the hands of the secretary and benefit the Board.

It showed that the frequent serious controversies between the local papers are getting unpopular, and that in a becoming manner to the kindly hint expressed by Mr. McLean and applauded by the meeting, and refrain from indulging in these acerbities in future unless under grave provocation. The meeting, it was admitted, had its two sides. Our position is that while Mr. McDonald may have a grievance because the secretary of the Board of Trade is the editor of a daily paper that comes in some measure in competition with him, he is entitled any sympathy he might have been entitled to when he refused to start a daily paper and the assistance of the assistance of the secretary, which we can assure our readers would have been freely and loyally given. From the point of view of the Board of Trade the position is this: The Board and the city, through the Board, has the use of a daily paper for publicity purposes without the outlay of one dollar, by reason of the fact that the editor is a well-known newspaper man, of high merit we leave our readers to say. The secretary, on his present salary by his attention to the specific work of the Board, outside his newspaper work, and the advantage to the Board of the use of a daily paper, the work of which he does voluntarily, is worth, if it had to be paid for, which it would were the secretary not holding the position he does, several thousand dollars annually.

We do not believe that because they were outraged last night and that their view was the unpopular one, hard-headed business men and loyal citizens like Messrs. J. M. Douglas, S. Q. O'Brien, Arthur Bauman, T. P. Malone, James W. Blair, J. A. Connolly and J. W. Tipton, will cease to give the benefit of their counsel and advice to the Board. Our opinion is that the Board, as a result of last night's session, will pursue its work with renewed vigour and activity, and that it will be a better board and render better service in consequence of the deliberations of last night, than it would or could otherwise have done.

The regular meeting of the board will be held on Monday night. Among the questions to be considered will be the advisability of sending an exhibit to the fair to be held in the coast cities. We hope to see as good an attendance at the meeting on Monday night as at that of last night.

The attendance at last night's exhibition was as large as that of the previous night in the Oddfellows' Hall. The contents were just as spirited, and in the number of gate receipts last night's meet was away ahead.

That quotation arrived as predicted, but broke out in an unexpected quarter.

We are glad it is over now!

During the first ride of an old lady on the railway in the uneven country down in Pennsylvania the train was crossing a trestle, and the door and body was bucking out the window. When the train came on the ground after crossing, the old lady suddenly turned to a fellow passenger and said: "Thank God it is lit."

The unexpected sometimes happens even at the Board of Trade meetings.

There was no money stringency evident among the members of the Board of Trade last night when the line came for payment of dues.

There are at least seven, good game horses in Strathcona anyway.

The rule last night read, you pay your money and you cast your vote.

President Marriott makes a good driver. He drives the Marquis of Queensbury rules by rote.

There was many a good speech delivered last night.

A treacherous memory in the midst of a speech is as unfortunate as the loss of the notes of an address to be delivered.

Charlie Dickens and Thackeray were good friends. Dickens was one of the best after dinner speakers in England and Thackeray, who could write so satirically, couldn't speak at all.

On one occasion a banquet was given in Thackeray's favor. Dickens of course delivered a splendid oration. When Thackeray was called he said only a few words and, overcome by nervousness, sat down.

Thackeray confided in him and said he was sorry for you Dickens. "I'm sorry for you Dickens," he said, "because," he said, "I'm sorry for you Dickens."

William answered the author of Vanity Fair, "You have just missed the first speech you ever heard in your life."

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NOTICE!

A meeting of Conservatives of Strathcona and a district will be held on Thursday evening, Sept. 6th, in Masonic Hall, Whyte Ave. for purposes of organization. No written notices will be sent out. A full attendance is urgently requested.

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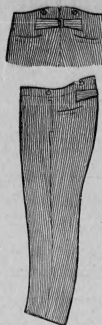
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"SHOW ME."

(Toronto World.)

People who live in Missouri have the reputation of being somewhat sceptical. "Show me, I'm from Missouri," has passed into a proverb. Not long ago the railway companies in that state found a U. S. judge who was very strictly "from Missouri." They applied to him for a writ restraining the state officers from putting into force the two-cent-amile law passed by the legislature, alleging that they would lose enormous sums of money, if such a rate were enforced, "and thereby suffer great and irreparable injury."

The judge started the railway attorneys by the characteristic remark, "show me." He said in effect:

"I do not know, and no human being can possibly tell, whether or not you will make or lose money by reducing passenger fares. Now go ahead and try it for three months under the new state law. If the thing is as bad as you think, it is going to be come back, and I will enforce the state officers and give you a square deal."

The railways and their lawyers, the captains and the kings, departed, and the two-cent rate went into effect. The three months have gone by, and the judge is patiently waiting for the railways' lawyers to come back. If one of them sees the judge coming down the street, he gets interested in reading a poster advertising a theatre, or some other way he manages not to look up until the judge goes by.

And why? Instead of the two-cent fare bankrupting the railway they ran full-head into unexampled prosperity. The railway passenger traffic in and out of St. Louis since the passage of the two-cent law far exceeds the number of days of the World's Fair, in Kansas City, Mo., passenger traffic, in fact, increased at one-half per cent. per day. The railways have gone so enormously by this two-cent fare that if some legislator wanted to blackmail them he would threaten to introduce a bill to repeal the two-cent-amile law.

It is a pity that we cannot get at Ottawa a railway commissioner from Missouri. Our Dominion railway board decided long ago that the G. T. R. was bound to give a third-class service at a penny-amile. They decided that this was the law and that it was reasonable.

What did it amount to? They might as well have gressed on a new name for Port Arthur and Fort William. No third-class service was put on and no penny-amile rate went into effect. The whole thing is to be hung up and forgotten until Lord Bilewater or the Duke of Canterbury or some other lord in England, four or five years from now, wakes up and takes a guess at it.

Why not put the rate into effect immediately? The commission has the power to decree the penny-amile rate, irrespective of any law or charter. Why not command it?

The G. T. R. would say at once, "This will bankrupt us; we will have to tear up our tracks and leave the country; we will be ruined."

Very well, why cannot the commission say:

"Show me!" We challenge the G. T. R. to put a two-cent-amile service on its Canadian system, west of Montreal for three months, and to compare their receipts and profits with the corresponding period last year.

Meanwhile, what is the railway commission going to do about it? Had they not better tell Chas. M. Hays that they are from Missouri. He will understand.

ENGLISH CAPITAL SLEEPING IN.

Vancouver World: One of the most interesting features with Western business at the present time is the fact that there is a considerable amount of private capital being invested quietly all over the country. There are a large number of Englishmen, who are to be found in the farming districts, quite willing to place loans on farming lands, but not caring for city investments or securities. While the individual amounts that come in this way are small, in the aggregate the total is larger than would be supposed by the casual observer. There can be no question but that the British capitalist is becoming very much interested in the agricultural West, and there are reasonable hopes that along this line may come the money to meet many of the requirements which are so pressing at the present time.

Beyond doubt this lead is being followed by the larger local companies. As an instance of this is the case of a Birmingham company, the operations of which had, until lately, been confined very largely to Australia. Last year a representative was sent to Western Canada. After a careful examination of the field a report was submitted to the home company, which was so favorable that the institution has concluded to transfer their business to Canada. The company has in active use some \$7,000,000, the bulk of which will, within a short time, be in circulation all over the West. Reports generally are of men from Australia, New Zealand

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